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Remarks

Claims 8-16 and 19-26, 28 and 30-39 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 8-16, 19-26, 28 AND 30-39 BASED ON OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 8-16, 19-26, 28 and 30-39 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,424,830. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is filed herewith and, therefore, the double patenting rejection is moot.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 8-16, 19-26, 28 and 30-39 is respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, claims 8-16, 19-26, 28 and 30-39 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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